

# The temporary register - guidance for overseas nurses



This information is for nurses from overseas who are considering joining the temporary NMC register in response to COVID-19

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## What is the temporary register?

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) have opened a temporary emergency register in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to allow them to temporarily register different groups so they can work during the crisis.

Internationally trained nurses are being asked by some employers to join this temporary register.

## What does this mean for me?

If you are an overseas nurse, and are on the pathway to full registration, your employer can nominate you to join the temporary register.

Joining the temporary register means you can carry out more nursing duties and be paid as a professional registrant.

Joining the register and working during this crisis is entirely voluntary and you should consider your own health and wellbeing when making your decision. If you join the temporary register you must work for a registered health or care provider in the UK and work alongside a nurse or midwife who is on the full NMC register. Your employer should continue to support you to progress towards full NMC registration.

You can find more information at  
<https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/coronavirus/temporary-registration/>

## How can UNISON support me?

If you join the temporary register, UNISON, the trade union for the whole healthcare team, can support and protect you in lots of ways.

### Local support and advice

UNISON has a branch network that can offer support to our members in every employer. Find your local UNISON branch at <https://branches.unison.org.uk>

### Immigration support

Contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0 857 857 to request information. UNISON, working with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, provides free immigration advice to our members.

### Professional advice and support

UNISON has a dedicated Professional Services Unit which supports our members registered with professional bodies. If you need help dealing with any regulatory issue with the NMC, UNISON is there to support you.

### COVID-19

UNISON collates resources for health and care workers on issues related to COVID-19. Find the latest information here <https://www.unison.org.uk/coronavirus-rights-work/>

### Join UNISON

Many migrant and overseas nurses are already members of UNISON - making us a strong and powerful voice for this group of healthcare staff in the UK.

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